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In re application of:

KATSUYUKI MUSAKA et al.

Application No.: 09/187,551

Filed: November 5, 1998

For: METHOD FOR FORMING A THIN
FILM FOR A SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE

Examiner: Marianne Padgett

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 12, 2001, Applicants respectfully submit herewith the Terminal Disclaimer and Certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).

Claims 1-10, 27-29, and 31-34 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 29-33, 38-40, and 42-45 of copending Application No. 08/888,499.

In view of the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the double patenting rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is urged. If the Examiner

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believes a telephone conference would aid in the prosecution of this case in any way, please call the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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